

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A collapsible tentpole (1) ~~comprises~~ includes a series of hollow shafts, connected by insertion into each other, and an elastic cord (4) arranged in the shafts with both ends secured to the two endmost shafts, wherein at least one groove (5) is arranged on at least one end of the shaft. ~~As the collapsible tentpole is folded, said elastic cord (4) inside the shaft is accommodated in said grooves (5) instead of being exposed to the outside of the pole. During the erection or transportation of the collapsed shafts, said grooves (5) will protect the elastic cord (4) from the abrasion or break by the external or gravity force.~~